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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 3, 4, 5, 13, 26, 27, 28, 36, 45, 46, 47, 68, 69 and 70. ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

Replace the indicated claims with:

1. (Amended) A closure device comprising:  
a first fastening strip;  
a second fastening strip;  
a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, a first detent at said first end of said fastening strips, said slider comprising a housing having a protrusion for engaging said first detent of said fastening strips when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips thereby preventing removal of said slider from said first end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis;  
wherein said fastening strips have a first position when the protrusion engages the first detent and

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